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Department endorses procedure being followed by USAREUR to secure return helicopter crew. However, urge that care be exercised to avoid taking categorical position in any statements to press or dealings with Soviets that we will refuse under any circumstances have contact with East German authorities on matter. We would of course contemplate such action only after exhaustion other available courses but would wish avoid possible embarrassment should developments make it absolutely necessary deal with East Germans to secure crew's release.

Ambassador may wish pass as appropriate to General Hodges.

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